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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 29 August 2001, requiring an election of a group of claim to be examined, Applicant, through its agent named below, hereby elects Group 1 (claims 1-4) with traverse. Applicant believes that many of the groups are related in that method claims involve methods employing the sequence of Group 1 (SEQ ID NO: 6). In addition, Group 3 is drawn to an antiserum to the polypeptide of Group 1 and thus to search for such antisera, for example, antibodies, it is necessary to search on SEQ ID NO: 6 and thereby requires no additional search. Searching on this sequence would necessarily turn up the polypeptide, antibodies, and methods of use (Groups 5 and 7) as well as vaccines (Group 9) comprising a polypeptide with this sequence.

No fee is believed due for filing this response. The date for response was set at 1 month from the date of mailing so that response is due by September 29, 2001, a Saturday, thus making 1 October 2001 the due date without requiring extension.

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